

A video server for distributing a digitized video content includes a unit for determining whether or not a video content requested from a terminal is stored in the video server, a unit for issuing a transmission request to another server for transmitting the video thereto in accordance with the HTTP protocol when the video content requested from the terminal is not stored in the video server, and a unit for receiving the video content transmitted from the other video server in accordance with the HTTP protocol, and transmitting the video content to the terminal in accordance with IP multicast or HTTP protocol.